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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 1, 1865.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

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**AN ACT**

To amend certain acts relating to the naval service, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3   That so much of the provision of the seventh section of the  
4   act of February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-  
5   four, to amend an act entitled "An act for enrolling and  
6   calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," as  
7   requires the bounty money which any mariner or seaman  
8   enlisting from the army into the navy may have received  
9   from the United States or from the State in which he en-  
10   listed in the army shall be deducted from the prize money  
11   to which he become entitled, is hereby repealed; and any  
12   person enlisting in the navy or marine corps on or after July  
13   first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall be entitled from  
14   the date of enlistment to the bounty provided by the first  
15   section of the act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-

16 four, to volunteers in the army, to be paid on the terms and  
17 at the periods therein specified; and in case of his death in  
18 the service, the residue of his bounty shall go to his heirs in  
19 the order prescribed in the law.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any enlisted  
2 person in the naval service of the United States shall desert  
3 therefrom, he shall, independently of any sentence which a  
4 court-martial may award, be liable to serve for and during  
5 such a period as shall, with the time which he may have served  
6 previous to his desertion, amount to the full term of his en-  
7 listment; and such deserter may be tried by a court-martial  
8 and punished, although the term of his enlistment may have  
9 elapsed previous to his being apprehended or tried.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the provision  
2 of the second section of the act to increase and regulate the  
3 pay of the navy of the United States, approved June the first,  
4 eighteen hundred and sixty, which directs that "the officer  
5 now charged with experiments on gunnery at the navy yard,  
6 Washington, District of Columbia, shall receive the sea-ser-  
7 vice pay of the grade now next above him," be, and the  
8 same is hereby, repealed.

1       SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the tenth sec-  
2 tion of the act entitled "An act to regulate prize proceedings  
3 and the distribution of prize money, and for other purposes,"  
4 approved June the thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,

5 shall be so construed as to include from the date of its pas-  
 6 sage fleet surgeons, fleet paymasters, and fleet engineers as  
 7 fully and in the same manner as if they had been mentioned  
 8 therein with fleet captains: *Provided*, That the share of a  
 9 fleet surgeon, fleet paymaster, or fleet engineer shall be equal  
 10 to one-half of that of the fleet captain; and the amount in  
 11 cases where the prize fund has already been distributed shall  
 12 be deducted from the moiety which accrued to the United  
 13 States.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the compen-  
 2 sation, not exceeding sixty dollars, provided by the second  
 3 section of the act of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-  
 4 four, for the relief of seamen and others, not officers borne on  
 5 the books of vessels wrecked or lost in the naval service,  
 6 shall be held to apply only to losses of personal effects oc-  
 7 curring since the commencement of the present rebellion.

1        SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the term  
 2 “military service,” used in the act approved July the fourth,  
 3 eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled “An act supple-  
 4 mentary to an act entitled ‘An act to grant pensions,’” ap-  
 5 proved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,  
 6 shall be construed as applying to and including from the pas-  
 7 sage of the said first-mentioned act all persons in the naval  
 8 service of the United States.

1        SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That all property

2 taken or seized upon any of the inland waters of the United  
3 States by the naval forces thereof shall be regarded as law-  
4 ful maritime prize, and subject to adjudication as such: *Pro-*  
5 *vided*, That in cases in which such property so taken has been  
6 heretofore sold, the proceeds thereof shall be subject to such  
7 adjudication in the prize court of any district where such pro-  
8 ceeds may be found: *And provided further*, That nothing in  
9 this act shall invalidate any sale of such property or distribu-  
10 tion of its proceeds heretofore made in conformity to law.

1       SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts or  
2 parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are  
3 hereby repealed.

Passed the House of Representatives February 28, 1865.

Attest:

EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk*.